



Communication Brief

TO: Supported Living Services Stakeholders
FROM: Katie McGuire – Participant Directed Support Specialist
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RE: Authorized Representative Definition for Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services

What is changing?

This is to notify you of an upcoming change in the Home and Community Based Services-Supported Living Services (HCBS-SLS) rules. The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) is removing the current definition of Authorized Representative located at 10 CCR 2505-10 8.500.90.

Why is this change happening?

The Department will be adding a Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS) delivery option in the HCBS-SLS waiver. CDASS is a service delivery option for homemaker, enhanced homemaker, personal care and health maintenance services. A participant can designate a CDASS Authorized Representative to direct and manage attendants of their choosing to perform authorized services.

To prepare for the implementation of CDASS in the HCBS-SLS waiver, Department staff are completing a revision to the HCBS-SLS rule located at 10 CCR 2505-10 8.500.90. Department staff have identified that the present definition of an Authorized Representative located in the HCBS-SLS waiver refers to CDASS and is duplicative of the CDASS Authorized Representative definition located at 8.510.1. The Department is removing the definition from the HCBS-SLS waiver to eliminate this duplication.

How will this impact me?

Participants in the HCBS-SLS waiver that are not utilizing the CDASS delivery option will continue to use the definition of Authorized Representative that is currently located in 8.600.4 (Services for Individuals with Intellectual and



Developmental Disabilities) and in statute located at 25.5-10-202 CRS. This definition states "Authorized Representative means an individual designated by the person receiving services, or by the parent or guardian of the person receiving services, if appropriate, to assist the person receiving services in acquiring or utilizing services and supports pursuant to section 25.5-10, C.R.S."

A participant with an established Authorized Representative who selects the CDASS delivery option, will work with their case manager to identify if a CDASS Authorized Representative is required to participate in CDASS. The participant may elect to have the same individual act as their CDASS Authorized Representative and their HCBS-SLS Authorized Representative provided the requirements to be a CDASS Authorized Representative are met.

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